

Remarks

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement made in the above identified application. In support of such traversal, Applicant submits that claim 54 of the subject application is generic to the designated Species 1 shown in Figure 1-10 and Species 2 shown in Figures 11 and 12. Such claim essentially provides for a bolt having inner and outer grommets for connection to one of a pair of spaced members which is provided in each of the embodiments, and simply means disposed at an opposite end thereof connectable to the other of the spaced members which may consist of a pair of inner and outer grommets as provided in the embodiments shown in Figures 1-10 or a ball and socket connection as provided in the embodiment shown in Figures 11 and 12.

In compliance with the requirement regarding restrictions, Applicant elects the species shown in Figures 1-10 and submits that claims 1-39 and 54 are drawn to such species.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, all claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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